the composite secular character of the society. Vigorous efforts are being made to contain militancy, recommence developmental activities, creat employment opportunities for the youth of the State and to activise the local administration for making it more responsive and accountable so that normalcy is restored fast and conditions conducive for the early return of the migrants to the State are created.

From time to time, discussions have been held with the representatives of the migrants about their problems and the current situation in the State, including the efforts that are currently under way to restore normalcy as early as possible.

Misuse of Free Passes for Freedom Fighters

*133. SHRI DRONAMRAJU SATYANARAYANA
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Indian Express dated 20th May, 1993 stating that "Free Passes for Freedom Fighters freeway to fraud";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to see that the loopholes in the schemes of free travel by freedom fighters are plugged immediately; and

(d) what is the total number of people found travelling by misuse of the passes for 'business trips', how many of them have been apprehended during this year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railways are making concerted and continuous efforts to prevent misuse or fraudulent use of passes issued by them.

(c) There are no loopholes in the scheme finalised in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, if any specific aspect relating to the scheme warranting modification is brought to notice, necessary action will be taken in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(d) Nil.

Development of Roads by Rubberised Bitumen

*134. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will

the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total length of National Highways, Expressways in the country;

(b) what is the length out of it, which has been laid with rubberised bitumen in the country;

(c) whether there are rubberised bitumen roads in the capital other than the National Highway/Express Highway, if so, its length;

(d) whether Government propose to popularise rubberised bitumen roads in the country; if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether Government also propose to lay rubberised bitumen roads in all National Highways/Express Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Total length of National Highways in the country is 34058 Km. One National Expressway 93 Km. long is also under construction.

(b) No stretch of the National Highway/Expressway has been laid with rubberised bitumen so far.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The use of rubberised bitumen roads in the country is under study but is still in the experimental stage and its propagation will depend upon the outcome of these studies.

Kidnappings/Abductions in Terrorism Related Cases

*135. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons kidnapped/abducted in the terrorism/insurgency-related incidents during the period from January 1, 1993 to July 15, 1993;

(b) what is the number of persons released and under what circumstances out of those kidnapped/abducted;